

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dany Sylvain

Serial No. 10/693,807

Filed: 10/24/2003

For: **REHOMING VIA TUNNEL SWITCHING**

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Art Unit: 2157

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Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 OF BENJAMIN S. WITHROW

1. My name is Benjamin S. Withrow of the law firm of Withrow & Terranova, PLLC, and I am a registered U.S. patent attorney, Registration No. 40,876.
2. Starting in 2000, and continuing until the present time, I have been retained as outside counsel for Nortel Networks Limited (hereinafter "Nortel"), the assignee of the present application.
3. On or about April 7, 2003, I received instructions from Nortel to prepare and file a patent application for an Invention Disclosure entitled "Rehomining via VPN Tunnel Switching," which is attached to this Declaration as Appendix A (hereinafter "Invention Disclosure"). This Invention Disclosure was assigned attorney docket number 7000-265.
4. The Invention Disclosure was submitted by the inventor, Dany Sylvain, on February 22, 2003.
5. Prior to April 7, 2003, I received instructions from Nortel to prepare and file patent applications for a number of previous Invention Disclosures.
6. From the time of receiving instructions from Nortel to prepare and file patent applications for a number of previous Invention Disclosures until about October 24, 2003, I worked to

prepare patent applications for the number of previous Invention Disclosures in essentially a chronological, first-in-first-out fashion.

7. Starting from a period soon after April 7, 2003, and continuing through October 24, 2003, I diligently reviewed the Invention Disclosure, met with the inventor Dany Sylvain, and diligently worked to prepare a patent application (hereinafter "Patent Application") claiming the invention disclosed in the Invention Disclosure.

8. On June 5, 2003, my assistant, Jennifer Alkove, sent a first draft of the Patent Application (hereinafter "First Draft") to the inventor, as evidenced by the e-mail attached to this Declaration as Appendix B.

9. On August 21, 2003, I received comments from the inventor regarding the First Draft, as evidenced by the excerpt from a spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.

10. On August 25, 2003, I revised the Patent Application to incorporate the comments from the inventor for the First Draft, and sent a revised Patent Application to in-house counsel at Nortel, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.

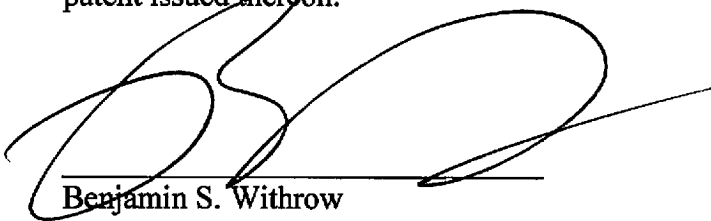
11. On August 25, 2003, my assistant, Jennifer Alkove, sent a copy of the revised Patent Application and the inventor declaration and assignment document to the inventor to be signed, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.

12. On August 29, 2003, I received a signed inventor declaration and assignment document from the inventor, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.

13. Between August 25, 2003, and October 23, 2003, I discussed the revised Patent Application with in-house counsel at Nortel, who indicated that he had reviewed the revised Patent Application, and who provided comments concerning the revised Patent Application to me. On October 23, 2003, I received approval from in-house counsel at Nortel to file the revised Patent Application, as evidenced by the spreadsheet attached to this declaration as Appendix C.

14. On October 24, 2003, the Patent Application was filed with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and was assigned Application Serial Number 10/683,807.

15. I hereby declare that all declarations made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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Appendix A

7000-265



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April 7, 2003

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Dear Ben:

Re: **Invention Docket No.:**
Title: REHOMING VIA VPN TUNNEL SWITCHING

Nortel Networks would like to retain you to prepare and file in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) a patent application directed to the invention disclosed in the enclosed invention disclosure by the above-referenced filing date. The application should be prepared according to Nortel Networks' guidelines in accordance with the predetermined fee we have agreed with your firm. If you are unable to perform the requested work, please advise me immediately.

In addition to the invention disclosure, an invention disclosure Review Summary document is enclosed for your consideration. We request that you contact the primary inventor, Dany Sylvain, at [redacted] within two weeks of receiving this letter. Please ensure that the inventor is advised of his responsibilities regarding his duty of candor to the USPTO, as well as any other relevant rules and/or laws including the best mode requirement.

Questions pertaining to substantive issues associated with the application should be addressed with me, while administrative issues associated with the application should be addressed with Kathlyn Hunter. Please be sure that all communications associated with the application, including billing statements and the application itself bear the above-referenced disclosure number.

Please send a substantially complete and final draft of the application to me along with a completed Nortel Networks' Outsource Patent Application Checklist at least 10 days prior to the above-referenced filing date to provide Nortel Networks' Intellectual Property Law Group sufficient opportunity to review the application prior to filing. You should seek to obtain the signatures on the formal papers from all inventors directly.

Benjamin S. Withrow
April 7, 2003
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**Please confirm receipt of this disclosure via facsimile to the above-identified number.
Please include your assigned reference number.**

Upon filing the application with the USPTO, immediately fax a copy of the application transmittal letter to me, so that we have a record that the application has been filed. Thereafter, please send me a hardcopy of the application as filed along with an electronic copy in Microsoft Word 6.0 readable format on a 3 1/2" floppy disk.

Should you have any questions, please call me at :

Very truly yours,



Rick Witcher

Enclosures: Invention Disclosure No.:
 Review Summary
 Patent Application Outsource Checklist

cc: Dany Sylvain
 Stephen Elliott

Invention Disclosure Submission Reply

Disc No:		Received Date:	22 feb 2003
Disclosure Title:	Rehoming via VPN tunnel switching		

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	HR Name: SYLVAIN, DANY Known As: DANY Email: Mgr First Name: Mgr Last Name: Mgr Global ID:	Location: Location Code: Dept: Phone: Ext Phone: Fax: Ext Fax: MailStop: Citizenship:	Address: Phone:

----- Attachments -----

File Name	File Type	File Comments
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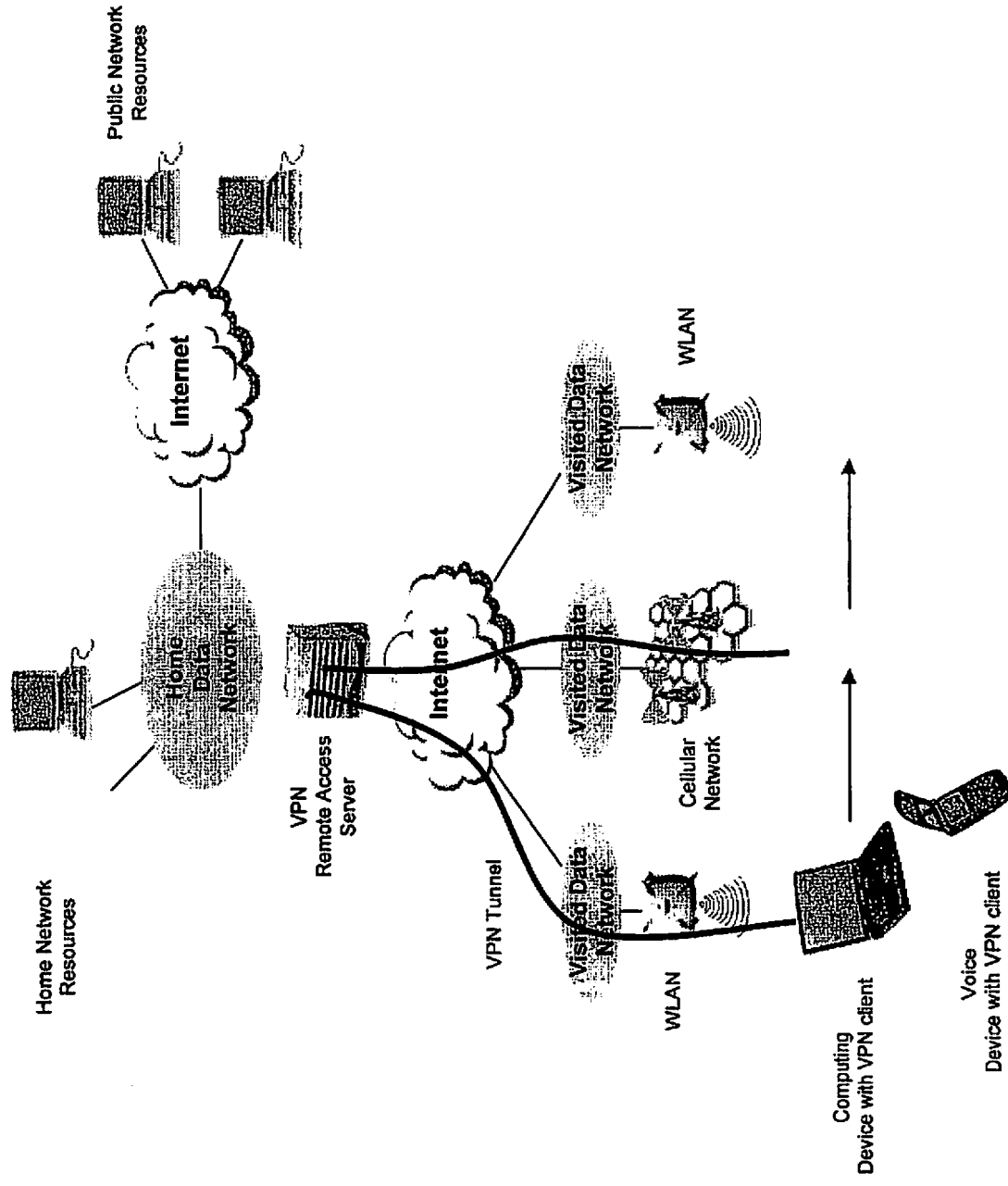
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Were there additional inventors involved:		no		Was there contractor involvement:		no	
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Conception Date:							
Has this invention been discussed with others? If so, please complete:							
Inside Nortel - Whom?		LIAM CASEY		Outside Nortel - Whom?			
Inside Nortel - When?		14 feb 2003		Outside Nortel - When?			
NDA?		no					
Are you aware of any imminent future disclosures? Please provide dates and details:							

Keywords for Searching:		Products that will use this invention:	
Mobile IP, mobility, L2TP, IPSec, multiple access			
Does this invention arise from any arrangement involving an external organization?			
Is this invention relevant to a Standards Activity?		Internal Funding Project #'s:	
no			

Technical Information	
Brief Description of the Invention:	
<p>A computing device roaming across diverse access network (WLAN, Wireless, LAN, etc.) needs to keep running network applications (email, browsing, etc.) even when changing access networks. A VPN client (e.g. Contivity) is running on the device and allow the device to reach its home network via an arbitrary access network. A VPN RAS terminate the VPN tunnel at the home network. When the device roams to another network, its initial VPN connection is lost as well as its current IP address. Entering the new access network, the device performs automatically (or with the user's help) log on to the new network and gets a new IP address. This triggers the VPN client to automatically try to reconnect to the VPN RAS, reusing the same userid and password as in the first network. The VPN RAS recognizes that the same userid is reconnecting (within a short time frame, say 1-5 minutes) and will therefore allocate the same VPN IP address as previously.</p>	
Problem Solved by the Invention:	
Allows users to freely roam across different network administrative domains and preserve service continuity.	
Solutions that have been tried and why they didn't work:	
Mobile IP is the current solution but was designed to operate under a single administrative domain. Mobile IP has several security issues. Mobile IP requires that the some of the network routers be upgraded to support Mobile IP.	
Specific elements or steps that solved the problem and how they do it:	
See chart.	
Commercial value of the invention to Nortel and Nortel's major competitors:	
Allows Nortel applications (e.g. voice, multimedia) to work seamlessly across various networks.	

Rehomming via VPN tunnel switching



Appendix B

Jennifer Alkove

From: Jennifer Rush Alkove [jrush@withrowterranova.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 3:43 PM
To: @nortelnetworks.com'
Cc: Bsw (E-mail)
Subject: First Draft of (our file 7000-265)

Dear Dany:

Please find attached a first draft of the above-referenced patent application. The .zip file is protected with the password that we have used in previous applications. If you have any problems opening the attached file, please let me know. Please review the application and drawings carefully for accuracy and completeness, making any changes, additions, or corrections, if any, directly on the application (or electronically with changes tracked).

Please recall that the application must clearly explain the best mode of practicing the invention for which protection is desired. Also, the application must explain to an individual of ordinary skill in the art how to make and use the invention. After reviewing the application, please forward any comments to Ben Withrow and me. We will then send you a revised draft of the application, along with formal paperwork prepared for your signature. After receipt of the signed paperwork and approval from Nortel's legal department, we will file the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ben Withrow or me should you have any questions regarding the application. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to you and for your prompt attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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Appendix C

Nortel Case Status							
Matter ID	First draft sent	First draft received back	Final draft sent (IP Law)	Final draft comments received back (IP Law)	Formal paperwork sent	Formal paperwork received back	Actual filing date (Prov.)
7000-265	6/5/2003	8/21/2003	8/25/2003	10/23/2003	8/25/2003	8/29/2003	10/24/2003